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SUBJECT: NATO SYG CONDEMNS KABUL BOMBING

¶1. (U) On October 8, NATO Secretary General Rasmussen issued a statement condemning the bombing in Kabul that happened earlier that day. He also made special mention of the two members of the EU police mission in Afghanistan who were injured in the explosion.

¶2. (U) The text of the Secretary General's statement follows:

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08 Oct. 2009

Press Release: (2009) 147

NATO Secretary General condemns Kabul bombing

I strongly condemn the terrorist bombing today in Kabul, which has killed and injured scores of innocent people. This is another example of the Taliban's total disregard for the lives of the Afghan people.

I extend my condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this act of terrorism. I also wish a speedy recovery to the many injured, among them two members of the EU police mission in Afghanistan.

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